

Governor's Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities

Draft Minutes

ATTENDEES: Scot T. Spencer, Andrew Sawyers, Diane Matuszak, Sharon Reichlyn, Kristine Dunkerton, Bill Stack, Bonnie Wilson, Kristine Dunkerton, Claudia Goetz Phillips, George Oleru, Jim Richmond, Dawn McCleary, Carmen Moroson, Jerry Gietka, Stephanie Cobb-Willaims, Jalonnie White, Nan Lyon, Robyn Gilden, Gail Castleman, Daniel Isales, Steve Johns, Pars Ramnarain, Marcellina Gurley, Arabia Matthews, Joe Cullen, Kristina Golden, Cynthia Dunn, Tammy Williams, Rich Hersey, Daniel Crew, Debra Joseph, Thomas UyBarreta, Victor Gaur, Jessica Henderson, Kristen Malecki, Rachel Rodin, Roger Taylor, Clifford Mitchell

DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2003

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of the Environment, Aqua Conference Room
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230

Welcome:

- Andrew Sawyers welcomed the Commission members and environmental stakeholders. Attendees introduced themselves.

Handouts:

- May 27th Meeting Minutes
- CEJSC Draft Three Year Action Plan
- EPA Grants Program Information

Discussions:

- Andrew announced that MDE's Initiatives have been finalized. One key focus is on Environmental Justice.
- EPA has released its Public Involvement. MDE will be working on one of their own.
- There is a new Environmental Justice site on the MDE website. A great deal of information is provided, including information about the Commission, committee meeting minutes, technical presentations given at the meetings, calendars, member contact information, etc. The web address is: http://www.mde.state.md.us/CitizensInfoCenter/Environmental_Justice/index.asp
- Andrew has created a draft Three Year Action Plan for the Commission. The group will review it and supply feedback.

- A firm by the name of Public Works is the contractor for the public dialogue sessions. Joe Cullen of Public Works has been working closely with Morgan State as well as MDE personnel. The sessions are on schedule to begin in September.
- May 27, 2003 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Presentations:

Mike Burke, EPA's Director of Governmental Affairs, Region III gave an informative presentation entitled "A Federal Perspective on Environmental Justice Integration into State Operations". Mike's presentation will be available on the MDE website, on the Environmental Justice pages.

Following the presentation, Andrew introduced Reggie Harris, Daniel Isales, and Victor Guar of EPA. An enlightening question and answer session took place between participants and EPA.

Workgroup Update

- Robyn Gilden, Chair of the Community Health and Protection Workgroup gave a brief summary of the workgroup's last meeting. The group is developing core health indicators that can be used by communities and decision makers to assess and compare communities. Once the indicators are selected, the subgroup would like to have nursing and public health students implement the health indicator portion of the index tool in a pilot community (most likely Central Prince George's County since the other part of the index tool has already been used there). The subgroup will be meeting again on July 28th.

Adjournment:

- Andrew Sawyers and Scot Spencer thanked Mike Burke for his presentation and also to the entire group for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone's future participation.
- The Commission's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at the Maryland Department of the Environment, in the Aqua Conference Room, located in the Lobby.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle McFadden, June 27, 2003.